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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 1.32, effective May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/516,080
Filing Date	March 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Todd O. Bolken
Group Art Number	2814
Examiner Name	Louie, Wai Sing
Attorney Docket Number	MICS:0043 (99-0634)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14965 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 5, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2.

Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (required))

b. ☐ Other _____ 10/16/2002 AMONDAF1 00000025 133092 09516080

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Fee

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a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 13-3092

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

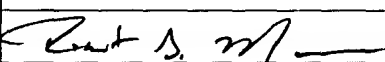
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (One-Month)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

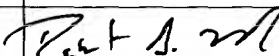
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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